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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PROSTITUTION IN AMERICA

1. THE COMMITTEE FOR WOMEN'S WELFARE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL WELFARE OF THAILAND (UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING) HAS WRITTEN TO THE AMBASSADOR STATING THAT IT IS ARRANGING A SEMINAR IN EARLY FEBRUARY ON PROSTITUTION AND TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS.

2. THE COMMITTEE HAS SENT TO SEVERAL EMBASSIES IN BANGKOK A QUESTIONNAIRE ASKING FOR PARTICULARS ON PROSTITUTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WHILE SEVERAL MISSION OFFICERS FEEL COMPETENT TO ANSWER SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS, THEY ARE NOT SO IMMODEST AS TO PRETEND TO A DEFINITIVE EXPOSITION OF THE SUBJECT. WE ARE ACCORDINGLY FORWARDING THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND SOLICITING, IF YOU WILL PARDON THE EXPRESSION, SOME ASSISTANCE IN RESPONDING.

3. THE QUESTIONS ARE:

- A. IN YOUR COUNTRY, ARE PROSTITUTES REQUIRED TO REGISTER?
- B. IF NOT, IS PROSTITUTION CONSIDERED AN ILLEGAL ACT, AND ARE PROSTITUTES TO BE PUNISHED BY LAW?
- C. IF SO, ARE THE POLICE EFFECTIVE IN SUPPRESSING PROSTITUTION?
- D. WHERE DO PROSTITUTES OPERATE--INDEPENDENTLY OR UNDER

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THE ORGANIZATION OF OPERATORS?

E. IS THERE TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS?
ARE GIRLS BEING TAKEN OUT OR BROUGHT INTO YOUR COUNTRY?
F. ARE PROSTITUTES IN YOUR COUNTRY OPPRESSED AND
EXPLOITED, OR DO THEY HAVE GOOD EARNINGS AND CAN LIVE DECENTLY?
G. DO MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR COUNTRY INDULGE IN EXTRAMARITAL
RELATIONSHIP FREELY, OR DO THE MEN FEEL THAT
THEY HAVE NEEDS TO VISIT PROSTITUTES?
H. ARE VENEREAL DISEASES WELL UNDER CONTROL, OR DO THEY
CONSTITUTE A HEALTH PROBLEM IN THE COUNTRY,
I. ARE THERE DISCUSSIONS ON PROSTITUTION IN YOUR
COUNTRY? WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OPINIONS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING
THE SITUATION?

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE
RECEIVING BY JANUARY 30 ANY ENLIGHTENMENT THE DEPARTMENT FEELS IT
IS IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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